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PERSONAL: H. G. Wertelimer, of Pittsburg, is in the city. Miss Mary Ehes, of River street, is at Atlantic City. Menzo Godell, of Binghamton, was a Scranton visitor yesterday. Clarence E. McCloskey, of Shickshinny, was in the city Saturday. Miss Cora Griffin, of William street, is visiting friends in Tioga county. Walter Forbush, a dental student in Philadelphia, is home for the summer. Ralph Hall, of New York city, is visiting his parents on Sanderson avenue. District Attorney Treaswell, of Wayne county, was a Scranton visitor Saturday. Miss Nellie Ruane, of New York city, is visiting Miss Kittle O'Neill, of Railroad avenue. Ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson will today take his family to Maplewood for the summer. Ezra Ripple, Jr., is home for the summer vacation from the Chester Military Academy. E. B. Sturges left Saturday to enjoy a few weeks at his summer home in Southampton, Conn. Attorney John F. Scragg and family have begun their summer residence at Lake Ariel. Miss Anna Early, of Pittston, was the guest of Miss Haggerty, of Mulberry street yesterday. Word has been received announcing the safe arrival of Hon. Alfred Hand and family in London. Mrs. Russell Childsey and child, of Prescott avenue, have returned from a visit at White Haven. Miss Hattie Schroeder, of Carbonale, and Miss Leonard, of Avoca, visited friends here Saturday. Miss Cora Adams, of Waterbury, Conn., is the guest of Mrs. Charles J. Helmes, of North Bromley avenue. Mrs. Daniel S. Edwards and sons, Daniel, David and Clifford, of Kingston, visited West Side friends Saturday. Miss Norma Andrews, of South Main avenue, has returned from a visit to friends at Carbonale and Forest City. Miss Katie Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, of West Market street, graduated last Friday from Bloomsburg State Normal school. Lucius Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Kennedy, of North Washington avenue, is home for the summer from medical studies at Philadelphia. County Auditor Fred Ward left Saturday for New Milford for a few weeks of camp life. Dr. C. E. Hill and John Fritz will be Mr. Ward's guests during this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris and daughter, Eva, leave today for New York city, from where Mr. Morris will sail Saturday on the City of Rome for a several months' tour of Europe. Mrs. Morris and her daughter will spend the summer among the resorts of the Great lakes.

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to have been at the time of his death the oldest Scrantonian in point of residence. He was for many years one of the most conspicuous figures in the coal, iron and electric interests of Northeastern Pennsylvania and amassed a large fortune, estimated at \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 in value. Five weeks ago Dr. Throop suffered from the effects of a fall in his sleeping room but partially recovered in a few days from its effect, and was at his office for a day attending to business as usual. He then became seriously ill and was confined to his bed until he died. During his illness he was conscious only a part of the time, recognizing only his wife and his rector, Rev. Rogers Israel, of St. Luke's Episcopal church. The end came peacefully and gradually and had been hourly expected for several days. Dr. Throop is survived by a wife, a daughter, Mrs. Mary Phelps, widow of Horace B. Phelps and who resided with her parents, and one grandson, a son of the late George S. Throop. The funeral will be held in St. Luke's Episcopal church, of which Dr. Throop was a vestryman, tomorrow afternoon, beginning at 1.15 o'clock the remains will be exposed to view in the church and at 3 o'clock the funeral service will begin. Rev. Rogers Israel and probably the Rt. Rev. Nelson S. Rulison, bishop of the Central Pennsylvania diocese of the Episcopal church, will officiate.

ACTION OF VESTRY. The vestry of St. Luke's church met yesterday and adopted the following minute in memory of Dr. Throop: It is with the deepest sense of sorrow that the rector, church wardens and vestrymen of Saint Luke's church, Scranton, have lost from their midst Dr. Benjamin H. Throop, who, on June 26, 1897, entered into rest, after so many years the senior member not only in years, but length of service, their friends and fellow vestrymen, they will sorely miss his hearty wisdom, his faithful devotion and his genial good nature; and they would record here upon their minutes their tribute of grateful remembrance of affection and respect. From the earliest days of the life of this parish and when it was but a mission in a comparative wilderness to the last and its most eventful life he had been its faithful parishioner and its loyal supporter. He was one of the little band of pioneers whose devoted support and aid made the establishment of Saint Luke's church in Scranton in 1851 a possibility. For nearly fifty years he has served as a vestryman of the parish. During all those years he has given to its affairs the benefit of his unstinted interest, his practical sagacity and his large executive abilities. In seasons of financial distress he has been our refuge, a never failing help in time of need. In personal character he was simple, brave, honest and loyal. Beneath his plainness of speech there was the greatest of hearts, and behind his shrewd directness there was the most genial smile. He was practical with strong affections, he was forceful with quick sympathy, he was aggressive with a strange modesty. He had strong convictions with a large tolerance. This is not the place to note the impress of his life upon this city, he did so much to build, or to record his services to the community at large. His large hearted charity, his philanthropy, his professional work are known of all men. He was one of the makers of Scranton. With a deep and simple faith in the verities of the Christian life he bore the burdens and sorrows which came to him with patience and with a brightness full of hope. It was given to him to live a long life full of good deeds. He now rests from his labors. His memory will endure as long as this parish lives and ever be held in the most affectionate regard by all its people. We extend to his wife and family our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour. May the God of all comfort lift up His countenance upon them and give them peace. Rogers Israel, rector; John Jermy, A. D. Holland, church wardens; J. H. Bessel, William T. Smith, George L. Dickson, Everett Warren, Samuel Hines, Theodore G. Wolf, F. P. Price, vestrymen.

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ents who came there from Connecticut in 1800. His early boyhood was the same as that of most boys of those sturdy times. He entered the office of a local physician, Perez Packer, in 1829, and graduated with high honors from Fairfield medical college, New York city, at the age of 21. He located at Honesdale in February, 1832, at Oswego, N. Y., in 1835; at New York city in 1838, and four years later in Providence, where the northern section of Scranton, in 1845 he moved to the now central part of Scranton. In those days there were but a few hundred souls within a radius of several miles of the present city. Dr. Throop was in those early days proportionately as progressive and successful as he was in later years. He established the first milk route, the first livery stable, the first railroad package express, and was the first postmaster. He originated the now large Scranton Gas and Water company and was financially interested in the opening and leasing of coal mines and iron works. He was closely asso-

ciated then with George W. and Selden Scranton, Sanford Grant and other prominent business men of the times. His medical practice at the time was of proportions which the physician of today would not care to undertake. In 1853 Dr. Throop began to devote all his money making talent to the purchase and sale of coal lands. His judgment was seldom at fault, fortune smiled on him and he began to amass the foundation of the present Throop fortune. While he bought and sold many tracts of land, he retained and was benefited by royalties from large holdings. ADVOCATED NEW COUNTY. For years he advocated the partition of Luzerne county and spent several winters at Harrisburg lobbying to that end and in 1877 saw his wishes gratified by the creation of the present county of Lackawanna. In 1861 Dr. Throop was the first surgeon in old Luzerne county to respond to the call for volunteers. He was commissioned surgeon of the Eighth Pennsylvania volunteers by Governor Curtin, and was one of the first to organize and found a military field hospital in the rebellion. He left home to join the regiment and expected to be absent for but a few days, but the campaign extended to four months. He returned home only to be called upon for surgeon of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh, Colonel Oakford's command, at Antietam. As volunteer surgeon he followed the army to Harper's Ferry, but being attacked by fever and exhaustion he was forced to return home. Dr. Throop did not practice medicine after the war, but devoted his whole time to caring for his business interests, which had grown to a remarkable extent. His connection with St. Luke's church is revealed in the minutes, which appears in the foregoing, but he was also active in aiding and helping support churches of other denominations. A philanthropist known to but few, was his personal maintenance of the Lackawanna hospital for a long period. Through his efforts the hospital was located here, but he was obliged to pay its expenses in order to demonstrate its usefulness until the state and a few well-to-do citizens came to his aid. Dr. Throop was appointed a trustee of the Danville Asylum for the Insane in 1872 to pay its expenses until his death, he having been reappointed by each succeeding governor. He was married on Jan. 19, 1842, to Harriet F. McKinney, of Ellington, Conn., who survives him. He was an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, a member of Lackawanna lodge, and it was largely through such effort as his that Odd Fellows' hall, on Wyoming avenue, was erected.

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YOUNG WOMAN'S SAD PLIGHT. Thousands of Miles from Her Friends Without a Home or Money. Annetta Wischinski, a comely young Polish woman, told a sad story at police headquarters Saturday. Eighteen months ago she left her comfortable home at Nanticoke to become the wife of John Wischinski, who was her lover in their native land. Before they had been married many months the increasing difficulties which had to be contended against in deeper mining; in the transportation of the coal to market there has been reductions in cost through improved railroad service and equipment, but in the final handling to the consumers, with few exceptions, the same crude and expensive methods are used that were followed twenty years ago."

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